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Gibson Gives Grays Edge In Big Games

Eagles Only Team to Hold Margin Over Homesteaders—Who's Who in Negro League

By Scorer

You can look at next Sunday's Ebbets Field double-header from two vantage points. It's going to be a fine chance for Metropolitan fans to sample the playing of the four Negro stars who have been called for try-outs by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

And it's also going to be a thrilling double-header between two fast evenly-matched clubs, the Newark Eagles and the Homestead Grays.

For the information of baseball fans who are not acquainted with the trend of events in the Negro leagues, the first-place Homestead Grays are the New York Yankees of Negro baseball. The Grays have won pennants in six of the last seven years. This year they have been leading the Negro National League all season. They have won every series they have played with Baltimore, and the Cuban Black Yankees. They have tied with the Philadelphia Stars.

But they have lost their series to the third-place Newark Eagles. This series started in Richmond on April 12 and moved to Washington April 19—Newark winning all three games played. On May 3, with the Eagles leading 2 to 0, Josh Gibson bounced one over the centerfield wall with two on, and the Grays won 3 to 2.

Newark wasn't satisfied. The team that will send Willie Wells and Leon Day to the Pirates won a double-header from the Grays at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, then moved on to Washington where they won the first game and tied the second. The Eagle still can topple the Grays from the league lead—and they expect to do it.

Now about the players . . . Josh Gibson is the Babe Ruth of major league Negro baseball. He isn't hitting as many circuit smashes as he did three years ago, but his

current batting average is .420. He has driven in more runs and has won more games single-handed than any other Negro player; and he is also credited with being the smartest receiver in the leagues.

Sammy Bankhead is a unique ball player who can play every position on the team. He usually may be found in the Grays' outfield chiefly because he is a ball hawk with a great arm. One of Bankhead's repeated plays is to throw a runner out at the plate from deep left field. He is a fast runner, a .300 hitter and hard to pitch to.

The Newark team hasn't defeated the Grays by using magic. Abe Manley, its owner, has obtained some fast young pitchers and with such batters as Pearson, Israel Stone and Parks, he has been able to field a powerful team in every game.

The Grays have a veteran aggregation. Buck Leonard, the first baseman, is well known to Daily Worker readers as an outstanding firstsacker. Jerry Benjamin, Chester Williams, Dave Whatley and Howard Easterling are all players who are considered worthy of inspection by major league teams, in addition to Gibson and Bankhead—already called.

That's the line-up. The two games should be full of excitement, good baseball, and, from the point of view of the coming death of Jim Crow in the major leagues—epoch-making.

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Hollywood War Relief To Collect 200 Grand

By Jack Young

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 1.—The Navy, Chinese, Russian and Dutch relief organizations are cutting a \$185,089 melon today, as a result of the joint campaign conducted for them in the studios.

Although the relief drive went over the top of its original quota, Chairman Jacob H. Karp announced that the books won't be closed until a last-minute effort has been made to hit \$200,000.

The 2,194 workers at 20th Century-Fox were credited with the largest contribution. They hit \$41,414. However, Metro is reported as pushing close to this figure and drive directors there hope to beat 20th before the last bell is rung.

Particular credit for the success of the campaign has been given to the various AFL studio craft unions and the Screen Actors, Artists Managers, Screen Directors and Screen Writers guilds.

Warner Brothers is working hard to keep "Mission to Moscow" the most honest and accurate film on the Soviet Union ever produced in this country, according to advance reports. Writer Erskine Caldwell is said to have completed about half of the script he is writing from the best-seller by ex-Ambassador Joseph Davies and is now being assisted by Howard Koch. Director Michael Curtiz has started casting and Claude Rains, Donald Crisp and Walter Huston have taken tests for the Davies role.

The Hollywood Stage Door Canteen has taken on another aspect of permanency through the election of officers. Bette Davis was named president; Carroll Hollister of the AFL Musicians, vice president and treasurer, and Jean Lewin, secretary.

Character actor John D. Benson, who served as a flight lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Airforce in 1940, has enlisted here as a co-swain in the Naval Reserve. In the RCA, Benson was an instructor and trained many of the pilots now hitting the Nazis over Europe. After schooling at the San Diego Naval Training Station, he will be assigned to active duty.

count of the way the Nazis have been educating children for the past 12 years.

Myles Connolly is now doing the screenplay for his original yarn, "100 Girls and a Man," at Universal. Henry Koster is to produce the flicker dealing with an all-girl orchestra making the rounds of the Army camps. Robert Cummings and Michele Morgan will be starred.

Jack Martin will be the commanding officer on a Nazi sub in RKO'S "Seven Miles from Alcatraz." . . . "Air Raid Wardens" will be Laurel and Hardy's first comedy at Metro. . . . Jean Gabin and Gene Tierney will be co-starred in "Tampico" at 20th Century-Fox. . . . Sara Allgood gets a featured role in "City Without Men" at Columbia. . . . "I Hear America Singing" is the title of a two-reeler based on Walt Whitman's poems which will be produced by Warners. . . . Script of "Yankee Girl," a story on the WAACS, has been sent by Republic to Washington for government approval. . . .

Following the Commando attack on Dieppe, studios made a mad rush on the Hays office for first whack at the title, "American Rangers." Paramount got there first and now has Maurice Clarke writing an original screenplay for the title and Walter MacEwen given the producer's job.

Book News

Speeches made to the International Student Assembly on September 2-5 will be edited by Dr. William A. Neilson and published by Oxford University Press. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Dr. Hu Shih, and Major George Fielding Eliot.

"Leninism" by Josef Stalin, will be published in a one-volume edition by Workers Library Publishers. It will include Stalin's major work covering the period from 1924 to 1939.